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SUBJECT: NPT EXPORTERS COMMITTEE - EXCHANGE OF
DIPLOMATIC NOTES

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1. WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN AFTER AUGUST 13 CONSULTATIONS, THAT
USSR WAS PREPARED EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC NOTES WITH ALL OTHER
GOVERNMENTS WILLING DO SO, SEVERAL MISSIONS RAISED
PROCEDURAL PROBLEM. DURING LAST COMMITTEE MEETING, NUMBER
OF DELEGATES HAD STATED INTENTION OF NOT RPT NOT ENCLOSING
TEXTS OF MEMORANDA WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS,
ON BASIS THAT EACH GOVERNMENT WOULD ALREADY HAVE TEXTS OF
MEMORANDA. THOSE MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED THAT INSUFFICIENT
TIME REMAINED TO SEND MEMORANDA TEXTS TO THEIR EMBASSIES IN
MOSCOW FOR DELIVERY WITH RESPECTIVE NOTES TO USSR.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, MISOFF AND JACKSON (UK) DISCUSSED

MATTER WITH USSR MISOFFS WHO AGREED THAT JACKSON, AS UK RES REP AND NOT RPT NOT AS COMMITTEE SECRETARY, WOULD SEND NOTE TO USSR RES REP ARKADIEV, TRANSMITTING FINAL TEXT OF MEMORANDA. NOTES TO USSR FROM THOSE GOVERNMENTS NOT WISHING ENCLOSE MEMORANDA TEXTS WOULD THEN REFER TO MEMORANDA TRANSMITTED FROM UK RES REP TO USSR RES REP.

3. USSR MISOFFS THEN POINTED OUT COMPARABLE MECHANICAL PROBLEM THEIR PART IN THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ENCLOSE THEIR VERSION MEMORANDA WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO EACH OTHER GOVERNMENT IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS ON AUGUST 22. UNDER NORMAL USSR PROCEDURE, TEXTS WOULD NEED TO BE TRANSMITTED MOSCOW, WHERE WOULD PROBABLY BE TRANSLATED AND THEN FANNED OUT TO EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS INVOLVED, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE WEEKS OF DELAY. THEY THEREFORE PROPOSED ADOPTING PROCEDURE OF FORMAL TRANSMISSION OF ENGLISH TEXTS BY LETTER FROM USSR RES REP TO UK RES REP AND REFERENCE TO SUCH TRANSMISSION IN NOTES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

4. THUS, USG WILL RECEIVE NOTES IN WASHINGTON FROM NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS (E.G. USSR, CANADA, SWEDEN, BELGIUM) WHICH WILL SIMPLY REFER TO MEMORANDA, IDENTIFIED IN SOME MANNER, RATHER THAN INCLUDING TEXTS. MISSION SEES NO DIFFICULTY IF OTHER GOVERNMENTS ELECT TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE, BUT RECOMMENDS USG ENCLOSE FULL TEXTS WITH NOTE TO EACH GOVERNMENT.

5. FINAL TEXTS COMMITTEE'S MEMORANDA HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY SECRETARY AND POUCHED DEPT AND AEC; THESE ARE IDENTICAL TO TEXTS TRANSMITTED BY IAEA VIENNA A-380 OF AUGUST 2, 1974, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND CORRECTED BY IAEA VIENNA 7190 AND 7193. PORTER

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